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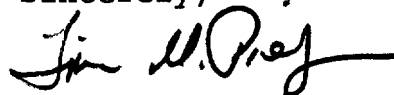
Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Caton:

Puerto Rico Telephone Company submits the attached ex parte letter for inclusion in the record of CC Docket No. 96-45. The letter was delivered by facsimile transmission originating in Puerto Rico yesterday and by hand today to Mr. John Clark of the FCC Universal Service Branch.

Two copies of the letter are included with this notification pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1207(a)(1).

Sincerely,



Tina M. Pidgeon

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. John Clark

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Mr. John Clark
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RE: UNIVERSAL SERVICE-RURAL HEALTH CARE INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Clark:

We have just been informed by the Health Department of the Government of Puerto Rico, that the possibility of having a direct connection between the pertinent health care providers of the mainland and of Puerto Rico, would be very appropriate and helpful in relation to the following goals and/or necessities:

- maintain the local hospitals that realize organs transplants duly informed about the availability of organs donants.
- maintain the health care providers and professionals updated regarding the latest and most sophisticated health care techniques and information in general.
- development of an information network to be used by both, the health care providers of the US and of Puerto Rico. This network could include data about specialized emergency services available.
- development of a specialized communication system to allow the sharing of information with the pertinent federal institutions, regarding health care programs, such as Medicare.

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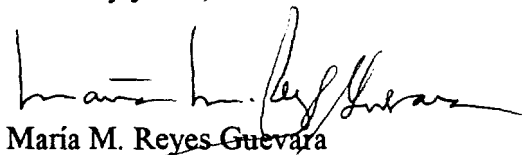
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In relation to the information sent to you in advance yesterday by Mr. Wilfredo García, we are enclosing a table which indicates the type and number of public health care providers that Puerto Rico has at present.

Finally, we would like to inform you that the Puerto Rico's Health Department has provided us detailed information by municipalities about the public health care providers operating in Puerto Rico and that such information could also be sent to you upon request.

We are confident that the information submitted will allow you to properly consider Puerto Rico's situation and necessities in the proposals for amendment of the Universal Service Program. However, if you still need additional data or assistance, please contact me or Mr. Wilfredo García at telephones (787) 782-9212 or 792-9770, or through Atty. Tina M. Pidgeon, our lawyer from Drinker, Biddle & Reath at telephone (202) 842-8800.

Cordially yours,



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**PUBLIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
IN PUERTO RICO**

TYPES	NUMBER
Hospitals	67
Health Care Centers	5
Health Care Institutions	5
Vocational Rehabilitation Centers	6
Mental Health Care Centers	10
Mental Retardation Health Care Centers	2
Diagnosis and Treatment Centers	175
Public Health Care Units	5
Psicosocial Rehabilitation Centers	2
Prolonged Health Care Units	5
Total	282